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TAGS: EPAP EALR PORT EAID VM (WFP)
SUBJECT: SOUTHERN VIET NAM REPORTEDLY FACES INSECT PLAGUE

1. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE, VIET NAM IS CURRENTLY FACING A PLAGUE OF INSECT PESTS THAT IS ENDANGERING RICE CROPS IN NINE SOUTHERN PROVINCES. THE SRV ON APRIL 2 APPEALED TO THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM FOR URGENT ASSISTANCE. THE WFP WILL DISPATCH A SPECIAL TEAM TO VIET NAM IN A FEW DAYS TO REVIEW THE SITUATION FIRST HAND.

2. A RECENT TRAVELER TO VIET NAM TOLD US APRIL 7 THAT SOUTHERN VIET NAM'S 1978 CROP WAS VULNERABLE TO PESTS BECAUSE MANY SOUTHERN FARMERS WERE NOT APPLYING PESTICIDES TO THEIR FIELDS.

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3. PRIVATE FARMERS REPORTEDLY MUST PURCHASE THEIR OWN PESTICIDES (AND FERTILIZERS) FROM THE STATE, BUT BECAUSE THESE FARMERS WERE FORCED TO SELL THEIR PREVIOUS CROP TO THE STATE FOR LOW FIXED PRICES, MOST NOW DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY FOR SUCH EXPENDITURES.

4. COMMENT: FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM INSECT

PLAGUES TO PRIVATE FARMS MAY RESULT IN SOME INFESTATION
AND DAMAGE TO EVEN PROTECTED COOPERATIVE OR COLLECTIVIZED
FARMS WHICH ADJOIN THE UNPROTECTED PRIVATE PLOTS.
INASMUCH AS THE MAJORITY OF SOUTHERN AGRICULTURE
COMPRISES SMALL PRIVATE PLOTS, AN INSECT PLAGUE UNLESS
ARRESTED COULD CAUSE SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE 1978 SOUTHERN
VIET NAM RICE CROP.
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